Projection of the import of coal by SAIL

2088. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the SAIL have projected import of coking coal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the projected annual quantum to be imported upto 2000 A.D.;

(d) the countries from where it would be imported;

(e) the cost of import;

(f) whether coking coal would be superior to our own colliery coal; and

(g) whether the scientists at CFRI, Dhanbad have innovated a method of preparing and manufacturing coking coal, suitable for our Steel Plants, both in quantity and in price?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) SAIL will be importing low ash high grade metallurgical coking coal to cover the shortfall in demand and availabilty and on technological considerations for achieving higher productivity.

(c) It is estimated that SAIL may have to import ranging from 3 to 5 million tonnes of coking coal annually upto terminal year 2000 AD to meet its requirement. However, the actual imports of coking coal by SAIL would depend upon its total requirement, indigenous availability and the quality of indigenous supplies.

(d) and (e) This would be known when the orders are placed after following the tendering procedure.

(f) The imported coking coal is superior to indigenous coal both in terms of ash percentage as well as coking properties.

(g) CFRI have developed column flotation and oil agglomeration techniques for recovery of coking coal from middlings and coal slurry and manufacture of formed coke utilising non-coking coal for use in steel plants. These processes are, however, still at the pilot plant stage and their techno-economic benefits are yet to be established.

Allotment of edible oils to the State

2089. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state the State-wise allocation of various types of imported edible oils during 1987 as against their demand month-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BA'THA): A Statement showing the State-wise and month-wise allocation of various types of imported edible oils during 1987 and the demand during the oil-year 1986-87 is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXLVI, Annexure No. 77]

Implementation of centrally sponsored schemes under the J.J. Act

2090. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state the details of allocation made for implementation of the centrally sponsored schemes formulated under the Juvenile Justice Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): A total allocation of Rs. 3 crores has been provided in the budget for 1988-89 for funding the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for prevention and control of Juvenile Social Maladjustment. Allocation to the States will depend upon the proposals received from them for setting up/upgrading observation homes, juvenile homes, special homes and for training of functionaries under the Juvenile Justice Act.